

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2005. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended and claims 1-3 and 5-7 remain pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Baker et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,696,898. While Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, Applicant has amended each of independent claims 1 and 5 to clearly distinguish over the prior art of record and respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

In the Response to Arguments section of the Office Action, Examiner takes the position that the preamble of independent claim 1 is not entitled to any patentable weight. The Examiner also takes the position that the web server of Baker et al. can be considered the "controller". While Applicant respectfully traverses Examiner's position, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to positively recite the subject matter previously recited in the preamble of claim 1. Applicant has also amended each of independent claims 1 and 5 to recite that the controller is operatively coupled to and independent of the web server. Support for this amendment is shown in Fig. 1 which illustrates common controller (14) coupled to and independent of host PC (13) and web server (20), and described at Page 6, lines 11-23, for example, of Applicant's disclosure.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that Baker et al. taken alone, or in combination with the other prior art of record, fails to teach or suggest the combination of steps or elements recited in independent claims 1 and 5 and the rejections of these claims should be withdrawn. Moreover, as claims 2-3 and 6-7 depend from allowable independent claims 1 and 5, respectively, and further as each of these claims recites a combination of elements or steps not taught or suggested by the prior art of record, Applicant submits that these claims are allowable as well.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing response including the amendments and remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and early notice to this affect is earnestly solicited. If there is any issue that remains which may be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to resolve the same and expedite the allowance of this application.

Applicant does not believe that this response requires that any fees be submitted, however, if any fees are deemed necessary, these may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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